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WANTS ARMY TO WAR ON BUGS

Six Million Boys and Girls with Hoes Needed, Says Agriculture Expert.

"I am convinced, friends, that the real enemies of America are not the countries of Europe, Mexico or Japan, but the bugs, insects and disease germs that destroy millions of properties and kill thousands of persons every year. If we can muster the 5,000,000 or more boys and girls of the country into the 'army of the hoe' we will be providing a much-needed defense for agricultural America."

This was the statement of Prof. O. H. Benson, of the Department of Agriculture, addressing the Eckington-Emory Home and School Association on "Gardening City Boys and Girls Rural Opportunities," in the Church of the United Brethren, North Capitol and R streets, last night.

"I am for home-life," continued Mr. Benson. "One of the much-needed movements today is a 'back-to-the-home' movement. You all know how easy it is for the children to be away from the home all day and in many cases all of the evening, from the beginning to the end of the week. How, under such conditions, are you going to give your offspring the rearing you got in the old-time home?"

Professor Benson said it pained him to see the "frivolous and meaningless manner in which many of the young girls of today grow into womanhood."

Professor Benson charged Americans with being the most thrifless and wasteful people on earth. "There is enough food wasted in Washington, D. C., today to feed the people of an entire city of the same size in Europe," he said.

Prof. Benson's lecture, which was illustrated, was followed by a Grafonia demonstration by L. L. Bremmerman, intended to show the part which music should play in education. Vocal selections were rendered by Miss Ruth Ayler, accompanied by Miss Anna McLoach.

Will Form Orchestra.
 Employees of the District are to meet in room 29 of the District Building to organize an orchestra on Wednesday afternoon at 4:15 o'clock. Twenty-five musicians are already available.

Wife-Poisoner Hangs.
 Concord, N. H., Feb. 18.—Oscar J. Comer, whose murder of his wife was deemed so cold-blooded that hanging in a State that had practically abandoned hanging was decreed by the jury which convicted him, paid the penalty shortly after midnight this morning. Comer poisoned his wife in 1914 in the hope of marrying another girl.

Alvah H. Martin, Republican committeeman of Norfolk, Va., is at the Willard.

H. S. Bryan, Major in the National Guard, is here from Mexico City on business. He is stopping at the Ebbitt.

Mrs. J. Taylor Ellison, wife of Lieut. Ellison, of Virginia, was among the guests registering at the New Willard yesterday.

State Senator Alvah H. Martin, of Virginia, is in Washington on personal business, a guest at the New Willard.

R. L. Carroll, headquarters detective, who has been off duty since last October, has been returned to his post by order of the District Commissioners.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrin G. Wiseman, of Des Moines, Iowa, arrived in Washington yesterday and registered at the New Willard.

Col. J. C. Scantling left Walter Reed Hospital last Saturday and is convalescing at his home in Seventeenth street.

A. M. Dockery, third assistant postmaster general, was given a birthday banquet at the Shoreham on Thursday night by his colleagues and associates in the Postoffice Department.

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TO TEACH WOMEN FIRE PREVENTION

Brookland Citizens' Association Plans Safety First Campaign for Gentle Sex.

FLOWER SHOW PLANNED

Would Have Summer Band Concerts at Twelfth Street and Michigan Avenue.

The need for a campaign to teach women what to do in case of fire was urged by Miss Carrie Harrison, of the Brookland Citizens' Association, at a meeting of the association in Masonic Hall, Brookland, last night. On motion of Miss Harrison, a committee of three—Miss Harrison, S. G. Quinn, and Mrs. Elizabeth Daniels—was appointed to launch such a campaign.

The committee will endeavor to secure pamphlets and other information on how to sound an alarm of fire, what to do to check a small blaze, and other safety-first methods.

Dr. Alphonse Patton, of the Brookland Rose Society, outlined the plans of the society for its annual flower show, to be held in April or May. The association voted to co-operate with the rose society in the exhibition.

L. R. Wilson, chairman of the committee on streets, sidewalks, and lawns, was instructed to take steps toward arranging a series of band concerts for the park at Twelfth street and Michigan avenue, should the park be ready for use this summer.

Condemnation proceedings to secure the ground for this park have just been instituted by the Commissioners.

Mr. Wilson reported that arrangements had been completed between the Commissioners and the Board of Education for the grading and improving of the ground surrounding the Brookland School.

He reported that \$1,500 had been allotted for the work.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Eisenhart were admitted to membership.

Girls' Guimpes, 50c
 Fine lawn, tucked; neck and sleeves edged with Val. lace; sizes 3 to 14 years.

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ALASKA MAY BE GREAT AGRICULTURAL COUNTRY

Explorer Tells Cleveland Park Residents of Boundless Resources of Far-away Land.

The belief that Alaska will develop into a great agricultural country was expressed by Andrew J. Stone, explorer, in the course of an illustrated lecture before the Cleveland Park School and Community Association in John Eaton School last night.

Mr. Stone, who is said to have covered more ground in arctic expeditions than any other American explorer, based his belief on the wonderful resources of Alaska, which he showed on the screen.

He portrayed Alaska's vast forests of valuable timber and the profitable fisheries in the adjacent waters.

No business was transacted, the meeting being a special one. At the regular meeting, next Friday night, Judge J. A. Lathrop, of the Juvenile Court, will address the association on the aims and purposes of his court.

BERLIN ADVISED OF U. S. DEMANDS

Von Bernstorff Cables German Assurances Are Looked For by Lansing.

DISCUSSED BY CABINET

Administration Firm in Demand that Pledges Already Given Will Not Be Violated.

Count von Bernstorff, German Ambassador, dispatched by cable to Berlin yesterday advice containing the new demands of the United States, which call for assurances as to the future conduct of submarine warfare as an inseparable part of the settlement of the Lusitania controversy.

The submarine situation, in all its phases, was discussed at yesterday's Cabinet meeting. Before the Cabinet assembled Secretary Lansing spent fifteen minutes in discussing the new developments with the President.

From an authoritative source it was learned that the President and Mr. Lansing discussed reports that Germany has no intention of expediting a settlement of the Lusitania case. According to this information, the government is considering the sending of a formal communication to the German government demanding immediately assurances that the pledges given after the sinking of the Arabic will not be violated.

Announcement was made during the day that the State Department has sent a circular letter for the information of American diplomatic and consular officers abroad advising them of the attitude of the United States as to the rights of merchantmen to arm.

In the circular the department paraphrases the notification given to the German Ambassador, which recognizes the right of merchant vessels to carry arms for defensive purposes. Reports that the United States planned to ask Great Britain her position on the arming of merchantmen were denied by officials.

MME. GADSKI RENDERS WAGNER BRILLIANTLY

Despite Illness, Soprano Charms Appreciative Audience at National.

Whitehill Also Wins Applause.

A brilliant program of songs from Wagner's operas was given by Mme. Johanna Gadski, soprano, and Clarence Whitehill, baritone, yesterday afternoon at the National Theatre. Before a large and appreciative audience.

After announcing that Mme. Gadski was suffering from a cold but had consented to sing rather than disappoint the audience, Mrs. Whitehill opened the concert with the aria, "Abendstern," (Evening Star), from Tannhauser. This familiar song revealed new beauty from Mrs. Whitehill's splendid interpretation.

His voice is a powerful, sonorous baritone, especially clear and musical in the upper tones.

Mme. Gadski sang "Die Thure Heile," from Tannhauser for her first number. Her clear, ringing tones were sweet and true and there was but little evidence of her indisposition. In contrast to the beauty of her voice, her dress was a soft, elusive "Eisa's Dream," which Mme. Gadski sang almost entirely mezzo voce, was especially charming.

Mme. Gadski was welcomed and received beautiful floral offerings. The lovers of song present would not be satisfied after Mme. Gadski sang "Isolde's Narrative," and applauded until another song was heard.

"Hrond's War-cry" was the encore given, with thrilling expression, and enthusiasm was so great that Mme. Gadski was compelled to repeat the song.

Charles Albert Baker, at the piano, played the difficult music with ease and expression, but Wagner's operatic song requires an orchestral accompaniment to display their highest artistic value.

The program follows: Aria: "Evening Star," from Tannhauser, Mr. Whitehill; (a) aria: "Die Thure Heile," from Tannhauser; (b) Elsa's Traum, from Lohengrin, Mme. Gadski; "Wahn Monologue," from Die Meistersinger, Mr. Whitehill; (c) aria: "Du bist der Erlöser," from Die Walküre, Mme. Gadski; (d) Scene, Act I, "Wie lachend sie mir Lieder singt," (Isolde's Narrative), from Tristan und Isolde, Mme. Gadski; duet: "Closing Scene from Last Act," (Brunhilde and Wotan), Mme. Gadski and Mr. Whitehill.

NEW BANK STARTS WELL.

President Drury of Merchants' Bank Pleased by Amount of Business.

The first week of the establishment of the Merchants Bank of Washington, 1114 F street northwest, the site of the Washington Southern Bank, was marked by volume of business that was most gratifying to President P. Drury and other officers of the new institution.

"We are more than pleased at the substantial evidences of confidence that the people of Washington, generally, and particularly the mercantile element, have expressed since the establishment of the Merchants' Bank," said President P. A. Drury, before leaving for a week at the Hotel Raleigh.

"It will ever be our purpose to render the ultimate in banking service along the line of stability and the most efficient banking methods," he added.

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SENATORS ASSAIL ELLSTON THREATS

Lodge and Sterling Oppose Acquiescence in Proposed War on Merchantmen.

ADMINISTRATION HIT

Sterling Says Consequences Involved Are More Serious Than Any that Have Menaced.

Bitter criticism of the foreign policy of the Wilson administration, with special reference to its attitude in the pending negotiations with Germany, was voiced in the Senate yesterday by Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, and Senator Sterling, of South Dakota. Senators Lodge and Sterling made vigorous speeches in support of the Sterling resolution, which opposes acquiescence by the United States in the notification of the Central Powers of their right to fire on armed merchantmen.

Senator Stone, of Missouri, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, as spokesman of the administration, followed Senators Lodge and Sterling, declaring that the question of arming merchantmen was at least debatable. He announced that early next week he would make a more extended reply to Senators Lodge and Sterling, and respond to the attack made by the foreign policy of the administration by former Senator Root.

Taking up the notice of the German powers that they would exercise the right of firing on armed merchantmen, Senator Sterling charged the administration "with delaying and hesitating while the world was wondering what course would be pursued." He declared acquiescence in the German position "involved consequences more serious than any that have yet disturbed us, grave as some of them have been."

He insisted that it was no remote inference that the present attitude of the German admiralty "was encouraged, if not invited, by the memorandum of the State Department to the entente powers."

Senator Sterling made an extended argument in support of the right of merchantmen to arm for defensive purposes.

Vice in Suggestion.
 "The vice of the suggestion of the State Department," remarked Senator Sterling, "lies in this, that because the deadly submarine is not strong on defense, you must therefore make the merchant ship helpless against the submarine."

Senator Lodge declared that abandonment by the United States at this time of the principle that merchantmen may arm for defense would be an unequal act and a step toward war. He insisted that acceptance by this country of the German proposal would make the United States the ally of the belligerent whose merchant marine had been swept from the sea.

As late as the President's note of May 1915, signed by Mr. Bryan, Senator Lodge said, the government recognized that "American citizens were within their undisputed rights in taking their ships and in traveling wherever their legitimate business calls them."

"Such," he added, "has been the practice of all nations in regard to the armed merchantmen. It seems utterly incredible that this position should be in any way altered now."

Senator Lodge said that the government should be ready to surrender the unquestioned rights of Americans to travel or ship goods on a belligerent merchantman subject to the rules which have been established by the courts and by all international authorities for at least two centuries.

SACRIFICE OF BLOOD SEEMS TO BE IN VAIN

Mrs. Elizabeth Leonard Fails to Rally from Asphyxiation After Transfusion Operation.

The voluntary sacrifice of Dr. Herbert L. Shinn, who Thursday night permitted a large quantity of his blood to be transfused to the body of Mrs. Elizabeth Leonard, a gas victim, in a blood transfusion operation by Dr. Charles Stanley White, at the Casualty Hospital, is believed to have been in vain.

Mrs. Leonard was found lying unconscious beside the dead body of her husband, Michael Leonard, 15 a gas-filled band, at their home, 517 Sixteenth street northeast, late Thursday afternoon.

Two weeks ago Mrs. Leonard, a member of the visiting staff of the hospital, performed successfully, for the first time in the District, a blood-transfusion operation, when Mrs. Myrtle Cogan was found almost asphyxiated in her home, 1225 V street southeast. Mrs. Cogan supplied the blood.

As soon as Mrs. Leonard was brought to the hospital Thursday Dr. White decided upon a similar operation, after ordinary revival treatment had failed. Her condition demanded an immediate operation, and Dr. Shinn, also of the hospital staff, offered to supply the necessary blood.

Mrs. Cogan, who is only 21 years of age, rallied quickly after the operation, but Mrs. Leonard, who is 35, has not the same vitality and it is said has been under the influence of the gas much longer.

A pet cat of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard, which was in the room with them, walked to the street as soon as the doors were opened.

After an investigation Coroner Nevitt yesterday decided that the gas had been left turned on by accident.

H. AND H. AREA CLUB MEETS.

Members, All Employees of House & Herrmann, Hold Gathering.

The H. & H. Area Club, composed of employees of the firm of House & Herrmann, had its regular business meeting last night, in the lecture room of the film's store, at Seventh and I streets northwest.

Chairman L. E. Talbert presided. The usual good attendance, enthusiasm and good fellowship prevailed. The club is looking forward with pleasure to meeting the members of the School of Business Science, from Chicago and London, in the convention to be held at the Hotel Raleigh next Wednesday.

Briand Wins His Point.

Paris, Feb. 18.—Premier Briand was successful in the Chamber of Deputies today in opposing a resolution introduced by Abel Ferry, chairman of the army commission, calling upon the government to make the army chiefs respect parliamentary rights to exercise inspection over "all mobilized national forces."

Villa Led Raiders.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 18.—Francisco Villa was in command of rebel raiders who burned several small bridges and destroyed tracks on the National railway, 10 miles south of the border, yesterday afternoon.

CONGRESSIONAL SET WHITE HOUSE GUESTS

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were more than ever strikingly apparent. She wore a handsome gown of black velvet, very simply made, on long princess lines. The deep V of the low-cut bodice was edged with silver and a heavy band of silver finished the graceful square train. A jeweled ornament was caught in her hair and she carried a fan of ostrich feathers in the natural color.

Miss Margaret Wilson was not present, but Miss Gertrude Jordan was among the guests, and was charmingly gowned in white satin and tulle, with a corsage bouquet of orchids. Miss Helen Woodrow Bones wore a lovely frock of pink satin veiled in bronze tulle.

In receiving party were the Vice President and Mrs. Marshall, and the members of the Cabinet and their wives. Mrs. Marshall was beautifully gowned in coral net over satin, embroidered in gold, with a beaded gold scarf.

Mrs. Lansing, wife of the Secretary of State, wore violet satin and tulle.

Mrs. McAdoo, wife of the Secretary of the Treasury, was charming in a gown of white satin and tulle with a court train of heavy satin.

Mrs. Gregory, wife of the Attorney General, wore a charming gown of bronze tulle over blue satin, with trimmings of gold lace.

Mrs. Burleson, wife of the Postmaster General, was gowned in a handsome costume of blue chiffon edged with a graceful court train of cloth of silver.

Mrs. Daniels, wife of the Secretary of the Navy, wore black velvet and jet.

Mrs. Lane, wife of the Secretary of the Interior, was in a gown of blue and silver tulle combined with silver lace.

Mrs. Houston, wife of the Secretary of Agriculture, was gowned in black panne velvet and silver lace.

Mrs. Redden, wife of the Secretary of Commerce, wore violet satin with trimmings of silver lace, banded with fur.

Mrs. Wilson, wife of the Secretary of Labor, was in pearl gray crepe de chine and lace.

Among the guests were: Senator and Mrs. Porter J. McCumber. Miss Helen E. Clark, wife of the house guest, Miss Ellen Roach, of Baltimore. Mrs. McCumber was gowned in blue satin and tulle with iridescent trimmings. Miss McCumber wore a charming frock of pink and silver brocade trimmed with silver lace, and Miss Roach was in pink tulle and tulle with a girde of blue velvet.

Sensor and Mrs. John F. Shaforth. Mrs. Shaforth wearing white moire satin and silver lace.

Representative and Mrs. Ira C. Copley, the latter gowned in pink brocade.

Representative and Mrs. Percy E. Quinn. Mrs. Quinn wore a charming gown of cream lace with a court trail of purple velvet and pearl ornaments.

Representative and Mrs. Carl E. Mares. Mrs. Mares wearing black tulle over light blue satin.

Representative and Mrs. John Jacob Rogers, the latter in pink tulle and silver.

Sensor and Mrs. Moses E. Clapp. Mrs. Clapp wearing white lace over lavender, with fur trimmings.

Sensor and Mrs. Henry F. Ashurst. Mrs. Ashurst, from Arizona. Mrs. Ashurst wore yellow charmeuse with overdrapery of old rose hand-painted chiffon, and Miss Ashurst wore a gown of pink tulle and pearls.

Sensor and Mrs. William E. Borah. Mrs. Borah gowned in old-blue satin, combined with gray and white. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Stoutmeyer, of Idaho, accompanied them. Mrs. Stoutmeyer wore black tulle and jet.

Mrs. Lucy Burleson was in green tulle and Miss Edith Burleson wore a dainty frock of pink tulle.

Mrs. Anna Hart Wilson was gowned in light green tulle over silver lace.

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Clark, of New York, house guests of the Attorney General and Mrs. Gregory. Mrs. Clark wore one of the loveliest gowns of the evening, featuring a gown of white tulle with a long square train and bouffant draperies of white tulle. She wore diamond ornaments and carried a white ostrich feather fan. Miss Jane Gregory wore a charming frock of pink tulle over silver.

Miss Edith Benham was gowned in yellow satin veiled in black tulle.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Day. Mrs. Day wearing green tulle over green satin.

Sensor and Mrs. Willard Saulsbury. Mrs. Saulsbury was gowned in midnight blue tulle over black satin.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh L. Scott and Miss Scott. Mrs. Scott wore black lace and silver, and Miss Scott was in lavender tulle over white satin.

Mrs. Gudger wearing blue tulle over silver-embroidered with silver butterflies.

Mrs. Lansing, sister of the Secretary of State, wore a charming gown of silver brocade, a shimmering gown of silver brocade.

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